

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND SMALL NATIONS.

Despite all their eagerness to esteem and honor a fellow-countryman who has risen to the position of British Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George's Welsh hosts at the St. David's Day dinner must have felt a sense of humiliation when they heard him talk of having been instrumental in relieving small nations from tyranny (says the *London Catholic Times*). For what is his record with regard to a small nation which is near to the British shores and under the sway of the Government of which he is the head—a small nation which has always had the sympathy of the Welsh people in her efforts to recover her liberty? There has scarcely been a period of more outrageous tyranny and misgovernment in her whole history than that during which Mr. Lloyd George has occupied the post of Premier. With one voice, as it were, her people and their chief pastors cry out against the ill-treatment of Ireland. "In their insane attempts to extinguish the unquenchable fire of patriotism," says the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, "the British Ministers have given us martial law for government and turned our country into a prison." Yet, Mr. Lloyd George, the Minister chiefly responsible for this, speaks jauntily of the part he has played in liberating small nations from tyranny! If he feels no shame himself for his conduct towards Ireland, he might, at least, have spared the feelings of his audience.

EX-KAISER DENOUNCES FREEMASONRY.

In a statement made to Mr. Harold Begbie, correspondent of the *New York World*, the ex-Kaiser denounces Freemasonry. As to the future of the world the Kaiser entertains the conviction that everything precious in human life is now menaced with destruction by the organised forces of evil. He has found a new peril. Bolshevism for him is only a criminal alias for Freemasonry. He is convinced that atheistical and socialistic Freemasonry, as it exists on the Continent, is a power. He sees in the destruction of German unity and German discipline not so much the physical victory of the Entente as the spiritual victory of this atheistical secret society. He reads a number of books on the subject, and his eloquence about Freemasonry is as earnest and didactic as in former days was his denunciation of the Yellow Peril, Socialism and Slavism. He sees in front of humanity a fearful abyss of agony and ruin toward which the hidden hand of Freemasonry is fast driving the unconscious masses of the world. He saw the two great powers still stand in the midst of the world's ruin, the Church of Rome and the Freemasons. "The Church of Rome at least stands for law and order," he says, "but as for me, I am true to the Church of my forefathers, and the Bible is all I need for my guidance. My grandmother, Queen Victoria, used to say, too, 'in the Bible you will find all that is necessary; do not seek elsewhere.'"

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